

DEPARTMENT – L-36 – Livestock Sale

LIVESTOCK SALE SUPERINTENDENT – Deanna Geiman (443-821-4660), Co-Superintendent - Ramona Rawlings (443-398-4393), Treasurer – Grant Dell, Asst. Treasurer – Jo Ann Cashman

Committee Members – Brooks Bachtel (443-340-4419), Lucas Geiman (410-596-8608), One Representative from each Livestock Department, Sarah Boinovych, Alec Shapiro, Laura Leister, Ryan Weishaar, Derek Weishaar, Kelly Garvick, Noah Geiman

Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair's Livestock Sale – Friday, August 7th, 2026 at 5:00pm

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Livestock Sale

1. The Livestock Sale Committee functions as a sub-committee of the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board and will maintain separate accounting procedures. A final financial report regarding the Livestock Sale will be presented to the Fair Board (to be submitted to the Fair Board's records for Internal Revenue Service reporting procedures) at their November/December meetings.
2. The Livestock Sale Committee is a "not for profit" committee providing an opportunity for 4-H & FFA exhibitors to sell their livestock animals, sponsored by the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, Inc. Board. Proceeds from the sale are used to off-set expenses incurred by the species represented in the Livestock Sale for the exhibitors.
3. The Livestock Sale Committee consists of the Sale Superintendent, Co-Superintendent, Sale Treasurer, Sale Asst. Treasurer, Livestock Area Superintendent(s), and the Asst. Area Superintendent(s). The committee also consists of 1 superintendent from the following Livestock Departments: 1 sheep, 1 beef, 1 swine, 1 dairy steer, 1 meat goat, 1 dairy, 1 dairy goat, 1 rabbit, and 1 poultry committee member as selected by their represented committees.
4. Only animals that were exhibited in their respective shows and were exhibited by a Junior, Intermediate or Senior member may sell.
5. Exhibitors may nominate only one of each specie for the sale except for exhibitors of Beef, Dairy/Cross and Dairy steers who may only nominate either one beef steer, one market heifer, one dairy/ cross steer or one dairy steer. **The Livestock Sale will begin at 5:00pm on Friday, August 7th, 2026. The sale order for the 2026 Livestock Sale is subject to change. We will have 2 Sale Rings at the 2026 Livestock Sale. Large Sale Ring will be held in the Shipley Arena. Alternating Market Hogs and Beef. (Champion and Reserve Champions of Beef Breeds will be sold in Breed- ABC order, All Champions 1st, then All Reserve Champions 2nd) The Small Sale Ring will begin at 5:30pm and will be held in the tent in the front side of the Shipley Barn. Beginning with the additional Meat Birds and Meat Turkeys, alternating Meat Goats and Market Sheep ... (However, the Sale will be Stopped for the TOP 12 ITEMS "TWELVE ANIMALS, including Turkey, Meat Poultry & Eggs & Rabbits, THE MILK & THE DAIRY GOAT BASKET" Holding ONLY the Titles of Grand & Reserve Grand Champions and all Scholarship Animals of their Department at approximately 8:00 p.m. or the conclusion of the small sale ring.), Dairy Steers, Dairy/Cross Steers, Beef Steers, Beef Market Heifers, (Champion and Reserve Champions of Beef Breeds will be sold in Breed- ABC order, All Champions 1st, then All Reserve Champions 2nd)**

6. **All Livestock that are not in the Livestock Sale MUST be removed from the barn by 11pm on Wednesday, August 5th. All Beef not in the Livestock Sale are to be removed at the conclusion of the beef market show on Thursday, August 6th.**
7. **All nominated livestock must be processor ready at the time of sale. Livestock being sold must be past a medication withdrawal date should that animal have been treated with medications. Livestock will not be sold prior to a medication withdrawal and held for a later processing date.**
8. YOU WILL QUALIFY FOR THE CARROLL COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE:
(If All Requirements are met for your Livestock Market Project)
- Must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Livestock Project.
 - Animal was nominated by the exhibitor through their respective market show.
 - Animals must grade Choice or better by qualified individuals at the time designated at orientation. **All decisions made by graders will be FINAL.** Grader, upon request, will give reasons for disqualification
 - Meet the following minimum/maximum weights at the initial weighing time along with the Rate of Gain Requirements per department listed below.

THERE WILL BE NO RE-WEIGHS TO MAKE SALE WEIGHT!

LIVESTOCK ANIMAL	FAIR WEIGH DATES	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	Rate of Gain Requirements
Roasters	TBD	8 lb.	No Max	No ROG Req.
Fryers	TBD	No Min	7lb.	No ROG Req.
Turkey Toms	TBD	28 lbs.	No Max	No ROG Req.
Turkey Hens	TBD	20 lbs.	No Max	No ROG Req.
Mkt. Sheep	TBD	115 lb	160 lb.	No ROG Req.
Meat Goats	TBD	65 lb	No Max	.20 lb
Beef Steers & Mkt. Beef Heifers	TBD	1,200 lb	1,500 lb.	No ROG Req.
Dairy-Cross Steers	TBD	1,200 lb	1,500 lb.	No ROG Req.
Dairy Steers	TBD	1,200 lb	1,500 lb	No ROG Req.
Mkt. Swine	TBD	250 lb.	295 lb.	1.4 lbs

*Weights and ROG are determined by the specific departments not the sale committee.

- d. All 4-H and FFA members who exhibited a market livestock project at the 2025 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, Inc. are **required** to have submitted a 2025 4-H Project Record for each species exhibited.
- e. To be eligible to sell a market animal at the 2027 Carroll County 4-H & FFA, Inc. Livestock Sale a project record for each species exhibited will need to be submitted by November 25, 2026. Project record completeness will be determined by the Extension Office.
 - a. If you enter the Fair as an FFA exhibitor – you must complete the appropriate FFA record book. Verification by the superintendent will be made through the FFA advisor.
 - b. No 4-H Project or FFA Record Book are required for first-year exhibitors. **First-year exhibitors are defined as a 4-H or FFA member exhibiting ANY livestock project for the first time in 2026.**
9. All species sold in the Livestock Sale: Beef Steers, Beef Market Heifers, Dairy-Cross Steers, Dairy Steers, Market Sheep, Market Swine, will be sold through this sale at initial weigh-in weight. Meat Goats, Rabbits, Meat Bird Pens and Turkeys will be sold by the head. The Gallon Milk, The Dairy Goat Basket and any other added sale items will be sold by the (Lot) for one money.
10. Junior exhibitors and Novice 4-H & FFA exhibitors of any age in any species are **REQUIRED** to participate in one of the following. All other 4-H & FFA exhibitors are encouraged to participate in one of the following:
 - a. Attend (4) Four - Carroll County Dairy Bowl, 4-H Livestock Judging, 4-H Dairy Judging or Livestock Skill-a-thon practices.

Must attend at least (1) one Carroll County sponsored Livestock workshop for a species the exhibitor is showing in the 2026 Fair, from this list: Beef Workshop, Carroll County 4-H Beef Classic, Swine Workshop, Carroll County 4-H Swine Classic, Sheep Workshop, Meat Goat Workshop, Carroll 4-H Sheep and Goat Classic, Junior Stock Show, Animal Science related workshop through extension (Livestock Roundup, Dairy Roundup or Veterinary Science Experience, differs each year as to what is offered, but at least 1 is offered.)

 - b. Other Livestock related events must be approved by the Department Committee of the type of Species and the Livestock Sale Committee prior to participation.

(The 4-H exhibitors need to attend a workshop for a species they are showing and cannot attend a species workshop of something they are not weighing in. If you are found to not attend the appropriate workshop you will not be allowed to sell in the 2026 Livestock Sale.)
11. **For All Species Grand Champions MUST SELL** and Reserve Champion may elect to sell provided different exhibitors own them.
12. **One symbolic gallon of milk** representing the high-quality milk produced by the Dairy Department exhibitor's Supreme Champion Dairy Cow will be sold at the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, Inc. Livestock Sale. **The Supreme Champion Cow MUST be at ringside** when the milk is placed on the auction block.

13. **One symbolic Dairy Goat Milk basket** representing the high-quality milk produced by the Exhibitor's Best Doe in Show in the Dairy Goat Department will be sold at the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, Inc. Livestock Sale. **The Best Doe in Show Dairy Goat MUST be at ringside** when the Dairy Goat Basket is placed on the auction block.
14. **Exhibitors selling animals MUST be attired in official 4-H or FFA clothing, including neckpiece or other attire specified by the Livestock Sale Committee. No advertising hats, shirts, etc., will be allowed unless otherwise decided upon by the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board. No Cut off sleeve shirts and No hats will be allowed in the Sale ring.**
15. ***It is the responsibility of EACH EXHIBITOR to be with their animals until that animal is sold. If the seller of his/her animal cannot be located at sale time, their sale position will be forfeited.***
16. *All exhibitors must accompany their animal into the sale ring. No substitutions of exhibitors unless approved by Livestock Sale Superintendent.*
17. The order the animals are sold will first based on placing in their show and in the event of a tie, Rate of Gain will be used to break the tie. Subsequent tie breakers include show order of breeds and heaviest to lightest. **An attempt to create a "buffer" for exhibitors with animals in two sale rings will be given. This is to attempt to eliminate the rush from on sale ring to the other sale ring. It is recommended to have a parent on standby with the second species.**
18. A commission of 6% may be charged on all sales. The commission is used to help offset the costs to put on the Livestock Sale and make the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, Inc. Livestock Shows self-sustaining. Some of the items these funds are to be used for are Livestock judges, Livestock Sale advertising, photos, buyer's recognition, Livestock Sale technology, livestock pens, etc.
19. Animals listed as Resales, will be delivered by the exhibitor to the location chosen by the Livestock Sale Committee as if you were delivering to a processor.
20. Any exhibitor or parent/guardian, approaching the buyer of the animal after the Sale to switch an animal or ask for additional money to be applied to your sale price that the Buyer has purchased will **not be tolerated**. If you are found to be doing so, your exhibitor will be ineligible to sell in the 2027-year sale, the parent/guardian(s) will be banned from entering or attending the 2027 year Fair. If the animal is not produced to the appropriate location the exhibitor will forfeit their Livestock Sale check.
21. Each seller of beef, dairy-cross and dairy steers, and market beef heifer will have the \$1 mandatory Check-Off deducted from each animal sold. This money, by law, is sent to the National Beef Council and is used to promote sales of beef on the retail level. (Rate to change when advised by the National Beef Council at date of our sale.)
22. If applicable, each seller of a market swine animal will have .0035 of the sale prices deducted from each animal sold for the Pork Check-Off. This money, by law, is sent to the National Pork Council and is used to promote sales of pork on the retail level. **EXAMPLE:** 250lb @ \$0.875 lb. = \$250 x .0035 = \$0.875. (Rate to change when advised by the National Pork Council at date of our sale.)

23. Additionally, the sellers of market sheep will have the Lamb Check-Off fee of .007 of the weight of the lamb. EXAMPLE: 110lb @ .007=\$0.77. (Rate to change when advised by the Lamb Check of Council at date of our sale.)
24. **The Exhibitors & their parent/guardian will take ALL LIVESTOCK SALE animals home following the Livestock Sale. At which point the Exhibitor & Parent/Guardian will be liable for transportation and care for the animal following the Quality Assurance Guidelines once it is released from the Sale Barn. This includes committing to caring for and providing shelter, feed, and water to this sold 4-H & FFA Livestock project during the timeframe it is to be housed in your care. The Exhibitor will be responsible to produce the well taken care of animal to the proper processor (Chosen by the Buyer) at the proper given time specified by the Livestock Sale Committee. The Carroll County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale Committee will not be responsible or liable for transporting any livestock to destinations.**
25. If the Exhibitor is unavailable to transport their animal, it is *still* their responsibility to make arrangements with a hauler or ask for help from a fellow 4-H/FFA family. The Exhibitor will be responsible for paying the hauler fees associated with the hauler. *In the event the Exhibitor & Parent/Guardian does not deliver their well taken care of 4-H & FFA Livestock project(s) to the specified processor on the date and timeframe they are given, they will forfeit the entire Livestock Sale check and will be ineligible to sell in the 2027 Livestock Sale.*
26. ALL Goats and Sheep sold in the 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale will begin being released at conclusion of the Small Sale Ring. The Beef will begin being released at conclusion of the Grand Champion section of the Sale. The swine is released at conclusion of the 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale. **Swine are too noisy and will disrupt the Sale Buyer from hearing the Auctioneers. Any parent or exhibitor found to be removing swine from the barn before the conclusion of the sale will be ineligible to sell in the 2027 Livestock Sale. All animals from the Sale need to be removed from the Barn by 7am Saturday morning following the 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale.**
27. All Sale animals must arrive at the perspective location, chosen by your buyer, with **both the RFID tag and 4-H or FFA tag intact**. These tags are the identification for verification of the animal for the processor or buyer. Tampering with these tags will not allow your animal to be processed or resold. Removing tags is NOT acceptable and punishment will take place.
28. **In the event a carcass of a livestock-sale animal is tampered with or condemned by the USDA inspectors, within 5 days after processing, the buyer will be given a choice of a full refund of the sale price or replacement of an equal quality and weight animal of the respective species BY THE EXHIBITOR.**

29. The Sale Committee reserves the right to test ANY or ALL animals for ANY or ALL tests that may be needed to resolve any issue or question The Sale Committee may have about a specific sale animal.
30. **The Sale Committee will order banners for the Buyers only, for Sale night. The following banners will be provided for buyers Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, third, fourth and fifth overall species** for Beef Steer, Dairy Steer, Dairy-Cross Steer, Market Beef Heifer, Market Lamb, Market Hog, Meat Goat, Broiler Chickens, Turkey, Eggs, Milk, Meat Rabbit Pen, Supreme Dairy Cow and Best Doe in Show Dairy Goat.
31. All Sale checks will be made out to the name of the exhibitor in which the animal was registered to at the time of weigh in for their species.
32. **Any animal that is sold through the (Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Livestock Sale) is no longer eligible to be shown in a 4-H or FFA event in Maryland in that year. (Reference: The University of Maryland Extension (UME) 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics).** This document was signed by each livestock exhibitor upon registering their animals to be tagged at weigh in.
33. **All animals sold in the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, Inc. Livestock Sale sell at no Reserve. All Sales are final.**
34. **The Sale Committee reserves the right to ACCEPT or REJECT ANY ANIMAL in the Sale, and Place in any order of the Sale.**